

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DONELL HAYNIE,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANNAMARIE ESQUERRA, CRYSTAL
ALCALA, R. MEIJA,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-01663

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
TO INITIATE SCREENING

(Doc. No. 6)

Plaintiff, Donell Haynie, is a current state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* on his First Amended Complaint filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (Doc. Nos. 3, 4).

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's motion requesting the Court to screen his First Amended Complaint and serve the defendants. (Doc. No. 6 at 2).

District courts possess inherent authority not governed "by rule or statute, but by control necessarily vested in courts to manage their own affairs so as to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases." *Dietz v. Bouldin*, 136 S. Ct. 1885, 1892 (2016) (citations omitted). And while this Court endeavors to handle all matters as expeditiously as possible, it has "one of the heaviest caseloads in the nation" and operates under a declared judicial emergency due to unfilled judicial vacancies, which is further exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. *See* Amended Standing Order in Light of Ongoing Judicial Emergency in the Eastern District of

1 California. This order effectively grants Plaintiff's motion to the extent the Court acknowledges
2 Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint is pending and requires screening. Plaintiff should note any
3 future motions seeking to "move the case along" will have the opposite effect, as the court will be
4 forced to divert its attention from screening to addressing such motions.

5 Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

6 Plaintiff's motion for screening order (Doc. No. 6) is GRANTED to the extent a screening
7 order will be forthcoming.

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9 Dated: April 6, 2022


HELENA M. BARCH-KUCHTA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE